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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued September 5, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 5, 2002 Office Action is due October 5, 2002. However, since October 5, 2002 falls on a Saturday, the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e., Monday, October 7, 2002, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Accordingly, this amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 2 and 4 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c). The amended claims are presented below. A marked-up version of claims 2 and 4 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

Please also add new claim 5 as follows:

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